

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting - Monday, August 17, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Commissioners: John Dean, Helen Price Johnson and Angie Homola; Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; and, Captain James Thralls, MSC, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member.

Members Absent: Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner.

Call to Order: The Chair, Jim Slowik, called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Keith Higman, Health Services Director, asked that the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) report on today's agenda be moved to the September 21, 2009 Board of Health Regular Meeting. Dr. Roger Case, Health Officer, asked to introduce the newly appointed Whidbey General Hospital CEO, Mr. Tom Tomasino, to the Board. Mr. Tomasino greeted the Board and accepted their welcome.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Dean called for the approval of the minutes for the July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Board and Community Agency Reports:

-Stanwood-Island County Public Health & Safety Network: Director Patti Carroll reported to the Board that the Network has received funding for the next 2 years but at a reduction from past funding. The Network will continue to focus on support of foster parents and parents as a group with training such as parent mentoring.

CHAB & Children's Commission member interview and appointment procedures:

The Board of Health has traditionally had a Board member represent them to interview and recommend an applicant's appointment to the advisory board. We currently have several applications from individuals interested in sitting on the Children's Commission and need to know what model this Board would like to use to complete the interview and appointment process. Keith Higman suggested that there are a couple of models this Board could use. A representative Board member or all of the members could review the applications and participate actively in the interview process. Or, the Board can direct staff to interview the applicant(s) and make appointment recommendations to the Board.

A discussion followed. All of the Board members agreed with Commissioner Dean that open Advisory Board positions will be advertised and will be noted on the Health Department's website. After further discussion, Keith Higman summarized the consensus. The Board wants the application process to be open, vetted and comprehensive. Staff will bring forward to the Board of Health a recommendation for appointment which will include the process to advertise or solicit, the applications received and what the recommended applicant can provide that other applicants cannot.

Presentation: Early Childhood Intervention

Keith Higman told the Board that he recalled a presentation to the Board of Health many years ago which detailed research on how we treat mothers and young children. The presentation featured a pyramid which represented the building blocks leading to the apex/goal. Today, this pyramid in its entirety is represented by the 'Nurse Family Partnership' and is a program that is based on the science. It is a one-to-one labor intensive model and the outcomes are phenomenal. The Health Department's management team wanted the Board of Health to have the history of the science behind this model and why we have a program which sends a public health nurse into a young family's home to work with parents. Our program is called 'Welcome New Baby'. Suzanne Turner, Director of Community and Family Health, introduced Kristen Rodgers, Program Manager for the Nurse Family Partnership, who shared with the Board the positive, measurable results of early interventions.

Contracts:

Keith Higman presented the following contract for consideration:

1. DSHS – Medicaid Administrative Match
Contract No. 0963-53329, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ -0- (Fee for Service)
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Commissioner Homola moved for approval of this contract as presented. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Health Department Report: Keith advised the Board that he will have a comprehensive update for the Board at September's Regular meeting on the state and local H1N1 planning and response. The Board has been given a draft of public notice language for the public forum for the On-site Operations and Maintenance program which will be held at a Special Board of Health meeting on September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Several of the news papers have offered to give the forum coverage and staff will work with all of the media that is interested. Keith suggested that he and Aaron Henderson, Environmental Health Director, will begin the forum with a focus on background and education including a history of the regulation and why this is important for Island County. The Board wants the public to be able to have input in the dialog and ask questions. A discussion followed on the format and how the Board would handle citizen questions and comments to assure that everyone had an opportunity for input. Commissioner Price Johnson suggested having sign-up sheets for individuals to be able to leave questions and be responded to by email. Keith suggested that Health staff can have cards available for folks to leave contact information and their question if they did not get an opportunity to speak or if they preferred to be responded to in a less public manner. Keith polled the Board to be sure that the Board will enjoy a quorum and all three County Commissioners and Mayor Slowik, the Board Chair, confirmed that they will be in attendance.

Public Input or Comments: Mayor Slowik took this opportunity to share that the Sno-Isle Library held a summer reading program and over 1,000 Oak Harbor students participated.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board, the Chair, Jim Slowik, adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting will be a Special Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 21st day of September 2009
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Jim Slowik, Chair